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FOR U.S. DEL TO LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOY OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID
CONFERENCE

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1. POLCOUNS RAISED SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH FSFA IO
DEPDIR HENCIC AUGUST 19, COVERING POINTS SET OUT IN
PARAS 2 AND 3, REF A, AND SOLICITING GOY'S THOUGHTS ON
CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY ON POSSIBLE SURFACING OF
APARTHEID-ZIONISM LINKAGE. POLCOUNS UNDERSCORED
DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON OBJECTIVE OF CONFERENCE,
COMBATTING APARTHEID, WHICH ANY EFFORT TO COUPLE LATTER
WITH ANTI-ZIONIST STATEMENT WOULD HAVE.

2. REGARDING GOY PARTICIPATION, HENCIC SAID YUGOSLAV
DEL WILL BE LED BY MISO PAVICEVIC (FORMER AMBASSADOR AND
YUGO PERMREP TO UN, LATER DEPUTY FONSEC, AND CURRENTLY
MEMBER OF PRESIDENCY OF SAWPY, YUGOSLAVIA'S LARGEST MASS
FRONT ORGANIZATION). DEL WILL INCLUDE YUGOSLAVIA'S
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AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA AS WELL AS COUNSELOR OF YUGO
MISSION TO UN.

3. RE SUBSTANCE OF CONFERENCE, HENCIC SAID GOY
"IS OF SAME PREOCCUPATION" AS U.S., IE.3., THAT
"PROGRAM ON APARTHEID ADOPTED IN LAST YEAR'S UNGA
(PRESUMABLY RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IN PARA 2, REF A)

MUST BE THE BASIS FOR WORK AT THE CONFERENCE". HE CALLED LAGOS MEETING A "CONTINUATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS THIS YEAR" AND SPECULATED THAT LAGOS DELIBERATIONS WILL BE "VERY CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH WORK OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE". LATTER, HE CLAIMED, HAD "REJECTED" LINKAGE OF APARTHEID AND RELATED ISSUES WITH ZIONISM, AND THIS, HE IMPLIED, BODED WELL FOR ABILITY OF LAGOS CONFERENCE SIMILARLY TO AVOID LINKAGE. RECALLING THAT IN PAST YUGOSLAVIA HAS "HAD A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES" WITH ARAB BACKED APARTHEID-ZIONISM OR RACISM-ZIONISM LINKAGE INITIATIVES, HENCIC SUGGESTED THAT FACT CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN AFRICA MAY HELP CONFEREES LIMIT FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY TO APARTHEID. HE ALSO AVERRED THAT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSITY OF BROAD INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID WOULD SERVE TO DEFLECT INTRODUCTION OF OR SUPPORT FOR EXTRANEIOUS, DIVISIVE ISSUES. HENCIC STATED GOY WELL AWARE THAT "INVOLVEMENT OF ZIONISM" WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO REALIZATION OF OBJECTIVE FOR WHICH CONFERENCE CONVENED AND ADDED THAT IF SUBJECT OF ZIONISM SURFACES GOY DEL "WILL DISCOURAGE" ANY LINKAGE.

4. CLAIMING HE MERELY "THINKING OUT LOUD", HENCIC SAID HE WONDERED WHETHER IN VIEW OF VORSTER'S INTRANSIGENCE IN FACE OF PAST INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CONFIDENTIAL

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APARTHEID INITIATIVES IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR LAGOS CONFERENCE TO "SEND TO UNGA OR UNSC" A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA OF TYPE CURRENTLY IN FORCE AGAINST RHODESIA. CONTINUING, HE WONDERED WHETHER, ON THE OTHER HAND, SUCH A MOVE "MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE", HE CONSIDERED CONFERENCE LANGUAGE IDENTIFYING ALTERNATIVES FOR ENDING SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID AS PEACEFUL TRANSITION OR ARMED STRUGGLE TO BE A POSSIBILITY.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT GOY, THOUGH IN PAST IT HAS ENDORSED ZIONISM-AS-RACISM RESOLUTIONS OR PHRASEOLOGY, IS WELL AWARE THAT GOAL OF COMBATTING APARTHEID WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY AVOIDANCE OF ANY SUCH LINKAGE AT LAGOS. BUT WHILE GOY DEL MIGHT QUIETLY LOBBY AGAINST LINKAGE IF NECESSARY, WE DOUBT THEY WOULD BE IN THE FRONT OF THOSE OPPOSED TO LINKAGE IN EVENT OF A SHOWDOWN. TIME PERMITTING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOY DEL AT LAGOS MIGHT BE USEFUL.
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